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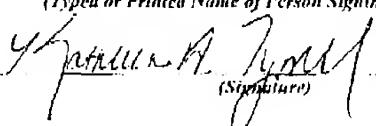
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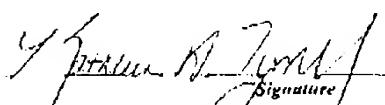
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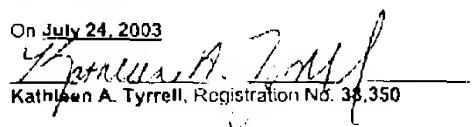
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This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed April 24, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.